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SUBJECT: LEGISLATIVE ELECTIONS, PARTIAL LIST OF KBL CANDIDATES

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1. SUMMARY: LATE YESTERDAY AFTERNOON MALACANANG RELEASED A LIST OF 89 KILUSANG BAGONG LIPUNAN (KBL) CANDIDATES FOR SEATS IN THE INTERIM BATASANG PAMBANSA. THE REST OF THE 165-MEMBER KBL REGIONAL TICKET IS EXPECTED TO BE ANNOUNCED FEBRUARY 17. THE PARTIAL LIST CONTAINS A NUMBER OF OLD FAMILIAR FACES INCLUDING CABINET MEMBERS, GOVERNORS, AND MAYORS AND FORMER SENATORS AND CONGRESSMEN. END SUMMARY

2. THE PARTIAL KBL TICKET ANNOUNCED FEBRUARY 15 INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING FAMILIAR NAMES:

REGION 1 (ILOCOS)

- JEREMIAS MONTEMAYOR, PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERATION OF FREE FARMERS

- CONRADO ESTRELLA, SECRETARY OF AGRARIAN REFORM
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REGION 11 (CAGAYAN VALLEY)
ONLY ONE CANDIDATE ANNOUNCED AS YET (CARLOS PADILLA OF NUEVEA VISCAYA)

REGION 111 (CENTRAL LUZON)

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- BLAS OPLE, SECRETARY OF LABOR

- TEODULO NATIVIDAD, CHAIRMAN OF
NATIONAL POLICE COMMISSION

- VICENTE ABAD SANTOS, SECRETARY OF
JUSTICE

- ESTELITO MENDOZA, SOLICITOR GENERAL

- VICENTE MAGSAYSAY, GOVERNOR OF
ZAMBALES

REGION IV (METRO MANILA)

- CARLOS ROMULO, FOREIGN SECRETARY

- QUERUBE MAKALINTAL, FORMER CHIEF
JUSTICE OF SUPREME COURT

- JOSE BENGZON, FORMER SUPREME COURT
JUSTICE

- RICARDO PUNO, COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE

REGION IV-A (SOUTHERN TAGALOG)
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-HELENA BENITEZ, AMBASSADOR-AT-LARGE

-CARMENCITA REYES, WIFE OF IMMIGRATION
COMMISSIONER EDMUNDO REYES

-ARTURO TANCO, SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

-SALVADOR "DOY" LAUREL, FORMER SENATOR

-GILBERTO DUAVIT, PRESIDENTIAL ASSISTANT
AND UNDERSECRETARY FOR YOUTH AND SPORTS
DEVELOPMENT

-JOSE LEIDO, SECRETARY OF NATURAL
RESOURCES

REGION V (BICOL)
NO CANDIDATES NAMED AS YET

REGION VI (WESTERN VISAYAS)
ONLY TWO CAIDIDATES ANNOUNCED AS YET (MAYOR

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NIEL TUPAS OF BAROTOC VIEJO AND CAPIZ BARANGAY CHAIRMAN
GEYNITO MADAMBA)

REGION VII (CENTRAL VISAYAS

-EDUARDO GULLAS, GOVERNOR OF CEBU

-ANTONIO CUENCO, FORMER CONGRESSMAN

-LITO OSMENA, SEE PARA 3 BELOW

-RENE ESPINA, FORMER SENATOR

-RAMON DURANO JR., SON OF CEBU
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POLITICAL BOSS RAMON DURANO

-LINO CHATO, GOVERNOR OF BOHOL

REGION VIII (EASTERN VISAYAS)

-BENJAMIN "KOKOY" ROMUALDEZ, GOVERNOR
OF LEYTE

- JOSE RONO, SECRETARY OF LOCAL GOVERN-
MENT

-ALBERTO VELOSO, NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS
COMMISSIONER

-EDILBERTO DEL VALLE, GOVERNOR OF NORTH
SAMAR

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-VICTOR AMAZA, GOVERNOR OF EASTERN
SAMAR

REGION IX (WESTERN MINDANAO)

-ANTONIO CENIZAL, FORMER CONCON DELEGATE

-TUPAY CALBI, FORMER GOVERNOR OF BASILAN
AND (ACCORDING TO THE PRESS) FORMER
MNLF COMMANDER

REGION X (NORTHERN MINDANAO)

-EMMANUEL PELAEZ, FORMER VICE PRESIDENT

-CONSTANTINO NAVARRO, FORMER CONGRESSMAN

-CONCORDIO DIEL, MAYOR OF CAGAYAN DE ORO

REGION XI (SOUTHEASTERN MINDANAO)

-ALEJANDRO ALMENDRAS, FORMER SENATOR

-TEODORO PALMA GIL, GOVERNOR OF DAVAO
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-JOSE PUYAT, JR., FORMER CONGRESSMAN

REGION XII (CENTRAL MINDANAO)

-LININGDING PANGANDAMAN, AMBASSADOR TO
SAUDI ARABIA

3. THREE CANDIDATES FROM THE PURPORTEDLY OPPOSITIONIST
FUSION BISAYA TICKET, LITO OSMENA, ANTONIO CUENCO, AND
VICTOR DE LA SERNA (SEE MANILA 2532), ALSO APPEAR ON
THE KBL LIST. WE PRESUME ALL THREE WILL OPT TO RUN
ON THE KBL TICKET, THEREBY GIVING THEIR CHANCES OF WINNING
A QUANTUM BOOST. THE INCLUSION OF THE KBL TICKET OF
OSEMNA, WHO IS THE NEPHEW OF EXILED MARCOS OPPONENT

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SERGING OSMENA, MUST BE CONSIDERED A MINOR POLITICAL
COUP FOR PRESIDENT MARCOS.

4. THE LIST IS STRIKING FOR THE NUMBER OF SEASONED
POLITICIANS IT CONTAINS. IT REPRESENTS A BALANCED
AMONG CABINET MEMBERS (8), BARANGAY OFFICIALS (AT
LEAST 7), DELEGATES TO 1971-73 CONSTITUTIONAL CONVEN-
TION (AT LEAST 6) FORMER OR PRESENT GOVERNORS AND
MAYORS (AT LEAST 18), AND FORMER SENATORS AND CONGRESS-
MEN (AT LEAST 15).

5. MRS. MARCOS DOES NOT APPEAR ON THE PARTIAL LIST.
HOWEVER, THE MORNING PRESS OF FEBRUARY 16 EMPHASIZES
THAT THE "DRAFT IMELDA" MOVEMENT IS GAINING MOMENTUM.
THE TIMES JOURNAL REPORTED THAT SEVEN MANILA SQUATTER A
AREAS "HAVE ADDED THEIR VOICES TO THE CLAMOR FOR MRS.
MARCOS TO HEAD THE KBL SLATE IN METRO MANILA."
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6. PRESIDENT MARCOS IS EXPECTED TO ANNOUNCE THE FULL
SLATE OF 165 KBL REGIONAL CANDIDATES ON FEBRUARY 17, THE FINAL
DAY FOR FILING CANDIDACY.
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